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SENATOR LENA TAYLOR

a Champion for...

the Environment

Lena's environmental record

***Four time Recipient of the
League of Conservation Voters
"Conservation Champion"***

Lead Poisoning Abatement Plan

Lead is extremely toxic and affects the liver, kidneys, reproductive system, and nervous system. Capable of causing serious development problems, lead's impact on our community has been linked to everything from violent crime to low IQ. Milwaukee has over 70,000 lead pipes carrying water into our homes. Lena has worked with the Wisconsin DNR to secure funds to remove some of the pipes and she continues to work with all levels of government to find a solution to remove the rest. Watch Lena address the lead pipe issue on [her YouTube channel](#).

Protecting the Stewardship Program

Wisconsin's Stewardship Program is a testament to bipartisan support for public lands and endangered species. This program, established in 1989 with overwhelming support, was created to protect our shared lands and our environment. Last year, Governor Walker proposed to freeze funding for this program and jeopardize the lakes and lands we love. Lena stood with Wisconsin voters to reject Walker's proposal and helped restore over \$33 million for land preservation.

"We need to protect our environment and ensure the people of Wisconsin have a voice at the table"

--- Senator Lena Taylor



*Senator Taylor on the floor,
fighting for you*

Opposing Deregulation of High Capacity Wells

Republicans sought to allow existing high capacity well permit holders to extend their permits indefinitely. Without regulatory review, permit holders would be free to overdraw and deplete our water resources. Despite widespread opposition to [Senate Bill 239](#), Republicans pushed forward to put our shared water at risk. [Watch Lena](#) debate this terrible proposal. (Timestamps: 00:24:11, 1:00:30, 1:59:10 and 2:42:26) Lena opposed this measure because she believes our water should be clean, accessible, and available to all Wisconsin residents for the long haul. Water is simply too important to our economy, agriculture, and livelihood to allow permit-holders to be unaccountable.

Removing Microbeads from our Water

Microbeads are plastic particles often found in soaps, body washes, and other cosmetic products. While microbeads may do wonders for our skin, they have also polluted our waterways and entered the food chain. Lena believes that it is time to consider environment-friendly and consumer-effective alternatives to this pollutant. That's why Lena introduced [Senate Bill 18](#) to ban the use of microbeads in Wisconsin. Her proposal received support from organizations such as the Clean Lakes Alliance and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District.

Mining Controversy

Lena opposed [SB 1](#), which weakened environmental protections and failed to guarantee job production in return. The bill would have cleared the way for a \$1.5 billion open-pit iron mine in Iron and Ashland counties. Unfortunately, the bill also pandered to mining industry's worst passions, rolling back environmental protections, silencing public dissent, and eliminating accountability. It sought to codify standards for iron mining and for the reclamation of iron mining



Senator Taylor speaking in committee

sites in the statutes, rather than allowing flexible rule-making by any agency.

National Environmental Education Week

Lena Introduced [Senate Joint Resolution 111](#) to proclaim April 17, 2016, to April 23, 2016 as National Environmental Education Week in Wisconsin. Our environment is both a major economic driver for our state, but also sustains the air we breathe and the water we drink. We must pass on the ideals of conservation to the next generation so that our children's children can thrive.

Recycling

Recycling is not only the smart thing to do for the environment, but also the right thing to do for our economy. Through five terms on the state budget committee, Lena has supported funding the state's local recycling program, which helps local government enable their residents to improve their recycling output. Lena also supported efforts in 2011 to pass [SB 209](#), a bill that would have increased funding for local recycling programs by \$13,000,000.

Experienced Leader who fights for the Environment.

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